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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yuichi HIGUCHI, et al.) : Examiner: D. Tran
Appln. No.: 08/909,966) : Group Art Unit: 2724
Filed: August 12, 1997) :
For: PRINTING APPARATUS AND) November 1, 1999
ITS CONTROL METHOD)

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 30, 1999 by three (3) months from July 30, 1999 to October 30, 1999.

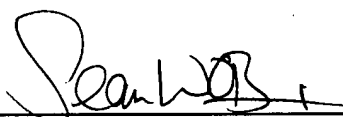
Submitted herewith is a check for \$870.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this petition is enclosed.

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